Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Approximately 2,300 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and an estimated 450 men each year will die from the disease; and,

Whereas, The public commonly thinks of breast cancer as a disease affecting only women, a misconception that can delay diagnosis and treatment in men, often leading to death; and,

Whereas, Early detection of male breast cancer is critical, as men who are diagnosed when breast cancer is in its earliest stages have an increased chance of successful treatment and, ultimately, survival; and,

Whereas, Due in part to a lack of awareness that men can develop the disease, men are generally diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than women, which affects prognosis and treatment; and,

Whereas, In order to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatment of male breast cancer, public education, awareness, and understanding of the disease is necessary; and,

Whereas, In remembrance of the men who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and in support of those who are currently fighting this disease, it is appropriate to designate October 18-24, 2015, as "Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week":

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 18-24, 2015, as

MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Heidi Wehre, Deputy Secretary of State

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State